Hello Parents and Caregivers,

As we approach the end of another productive term at Clermont SS, it's time to keep what's really important in focus. It's towards the end of the term that we find students start to get tired and lose focus. One strategy we talked about on parade this week and one that can help to retain that focus was giving someone else a 'build-up' to help them through this busy time of term. A build-up can be a 'thanks for your help' or 'I really like it when you.....' Research would suggest that schools, and more in particular, classrooms where this type of culture is developed achieve great results in a range of ways. **My challenge to the students of Clermont SS on parade was to give another student a 'build-up' and the classroom teacher as well.** I'm going to ask students to report back next Monday on parade. In 5W and 6E it's happening already. Good luck.

**Attendance 2014**
This week we had seven classes which are definitely in contention for our class attendance competition. Below is a list of our top seven classes and their attendance rate.

7th – 3/4B – 93.4%
6th – 2F – 93.5%
5th – 3R - 94.09%
4th – 2/3V – 94.41%
3rd – 1P – 95.65%
2nd – 5W – 96.9%
1st – 4/5T – 97.12%

Congratulations to our top performing classes, you are doing really well kids. What is really great is the amazing learning that's taking place in those classrooms. *You've got to be here to learn!*

**Cross country/ fun run—Week nine March 27th**
This year our school cross country is to be held in week nine and will be a combined school cross country and fun run. Students can raise money for the school by getting sponsors in community for them to run. Last year we raised almost $7000 and this year we'd love to go even further. Money raised will go towards projects such as 'Fun Friday 'activities. The more money raised the greater the activities on offer on Fun Friday. The cross country will begin with the lower grades in the morning from 9:30am and progress through the age groups until the under 13 year old event. Students will run a given distance depending on their age. Parents are more than welcome to come and cheer on our students. Last year we had a tie in the Armstrong versus Collins House competition, I'm sure both houses will be doing their utmost to ensure that doesn't happen again. Thanks to Ms Arrowsmith who has been training students on Tuesday and Thursday mornings to prepare for the event. Good luck boys and girls, I'm sure you are all going to do really well.
**Netball trials**

Last week a group of girls attended the Peak Downs Sub District Netball trials at Clermont Sports Ground. The girls performed brilliantly, Ella Poulus making the under 11s, Tahnie Nunan, Chloe Coghill, Cassandra Marks and Courtney Eckhart gaining selection in the under 12s. Well done girls and good luck at Central Highland Trials.

**Clermont State School P&C AGM Monday, March 24th, 5pm at the school library**

For anybody who'd like to get more involved in school matters, please come along to the AGM next Monday. A great measure of any good school is the level of support it gets from its P&C and Clermont SS receives a huge amount of support from community. In 2014 I am keen to see the school and P&C continue to work closely together. Come along and support your child's school.

**Fun Friday - target 100% participation**

It was great to see nearly every student at Clermont SS involved in 'Fun Friday' last week. This shows that nearly every student made positive behaviour choices all week and earned the right to be involved in activities. There were only a handful of students who hadn't completed homework that missed out on the exciting activities on Friday. Next week promises to be another amazing week of fun activities with numerous activities for students to be a part of. Mr Forrest has thrown down the gauntlet and is continuing to take 'cheer leading'. He really is a good sport!

‘Never miss an opportunity to encourage and nurture a child—help them to become the best person they can be.’
From the Guidance Officer’s desk:

All children are different, and some regularly persist with difficult behaviours. These behaviours can sometimes stress the limits of our tolerance levels! Here are some tips for dealing with strong-willed children... or in other words, the times when kids are stubborn. It’s important to understand that as the responsible adults and teachers of behaviour, we often misinterpret a child’s motive/s and think of them as being disobedient or even revenge seeking, but in reality, kids just like to be involved and feel capable. They like to do things for themselves.

Some parents think they need to stop their child being strong-willed to get them to behave, but helping them feel in control works best. If you enter into a power struggle with your strong-willed child, family life can become a battle-ground. When you feel a power struggle brewing it can help if you:

- **Stay calm**
- **Don’t take their resistance personally.** They’re just struggling with wanting to feel in control of their world.
- **Let them know you understand how they feel.** It will help calm them down. It also teaches them they can cope with feelings without needing to be cheered up, even when they don’t get what they want (repeat back what they’ve said, you might say “I hear you telling me that__ and that you feel ___”). Follow up by asking them questions and exploring the issue rather than adding a “but” to the end. But the Guidance Officer said so.
- **Try to see things from their point of view.** Whatever viewpoint your child has, they are strongly attached to it. Pushing them to do something without understanding why they are resisting may end up in a struggle. You might say ‘I can hear you don’t want to wear your coat to the shops. Can you tell me more about why?’ When they feel listened to, they can be more flexible. Even if they don’t feel cold now, they may be happy to put a coat in the car in case they feel cold later.
- **Find ways that you can both win.** If turning the TV off isn’t a choice, you might say 'We need to turn the TV off in five minutes. Do you want to turn it off yourself, or would you like me to do it?' You still get to decide what happens, but giving your child a choice about how it happens means you both win.

**Use routines and rules.** If the rule is 'we brush our teeth before bed', the child doesn’t need to resist the parent's wishes in order to feel in control, it is just a house rule that everyone follows. Kids love structure and boundaries, and they flourish in these environments, but if the boundaries and structure are lax in your household, it’ll be a gradual progress of introducing rules and routines, and as suggested above, with the child brought into the decision making process to give them that sense of control.

*Adapted from www.cyc.com*

All the best,

Rick Masters

Guidance Officer
Cross Country/ Fun Run

The cross country is being held in conjunction with our fun run on Thursday 27th March. The junior school (students born in 2009 to 2006) will run from 9:30am and expected to finish around 11:00am.

Students born 2005 or earlier their cross country will start at 12:00pm and is expected to finish around 2:30pm.

Parents are encouraged to attend and are able to run with your child if they are in the junior school.

Timetable (Estimate only)

9:30am Welcome - Miss Arrowsmith
9:45am Students born 2009 – 1 KM
10:05am Students born 2008 – 1KM
10:20am Students born 2007 – 1KM
10:35am Students born 2006 – 1KM

11:00am All students to have normal lunch break

11:45am Junior school back to normal class, Upper school come out to oval.

12:00pm Welcome – Mr Poulus
12:15pm Students born 2005 – 2KM
12:40pm Students born 2004 – 2KM
1:00pm Students born 2003 – 3KM
1:30pm Students born 2002 – 3KM
1:50pm Students born 2001 – 3KM
2:15 Presentations
Hello everyone,

The P&C Annual General Meeting is Monday 24th March 5pm in the library. All positions will be declared vacant and we will be calling for a President, Treasurer and Secretary; note - the positions of Treasurer or Secretary can be shared by two people. Additional positions will be called for once these positions have been filled. If you are not sure what these positions entail and would like to know more please contact Kristy or pandc@clermontss.eq.edu.au

Why help? Being part of the P&C is a great way to keep informed, to contribute to the quality education of your children and to make new friends. Your contribution can be as large or small as you can manage, but your ongoing support of the P&C is invaluable. The aim for our P&C is to make this year a great one. We cannot do this without help, everyone in our school community has something great to offer. It does not have to be an executive role but these roles are vital to the P&C.

Our thermometer keeps on moving up with another $80 from Netball canteen and $140 from the soccer canteen. This makes our total $12 462. Only $3, 538 to reach the next goal for more PM Readers. Every bit of support helps and ensures students get resources sooner.

Easter Raffle tickets are being sent out today with the newsletter if you have not received tickets but would like some please see the office to check you are on the register. Reminder - All book are registered and will need to be returned even if not sold or you will need to come to the office to sign a lost ticket form. As well as 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize (These will be displayed on parade next week) there will be a book buyers prize sell a book of tickets and you will go into the draw for a $10 tuckshop voucher.
This past week has seen Flexischool tuckshop orders jump. Our biggest Friday tuckshop order number was 105 this was surpassed on last Friday with 116 orders. Monday also saw our average of 50 orders go up to 73. Thanks to everyone that is using Flexischools it definitely makes the volunteer’s job a lot easier, ensures students get their lunches on time and with the added benefit of all profits going to the P&C, to help better the school.

Remember tuckshop should be ordered through Flexischools unless you have contacted the office or P&C with a valid reason. If you would like more information about using Flexischools they have a ‘How it Works’ section or contact Kristy by email pandc@clermontss.eq.edu.au or on 0448523200 if enough interest is shown an information session can be organised.

BIG THANKS

Friday helpers - Annette Hawkins, Bernie Selwood, Leah Archibald and Natasha Klosterman who called in and stayed when seeing the orders we had for the morning.

Monday Helpers – Bec Wardle, Elise Lawrence and Meg Brill

Soccer canteen – Janelle Otto, Jody Swaffer and Lucy Harvey

To those who purchased from the sport canteens held over the last few weeks, Football contributed $290 to our fundraising goal, Netball added a further $80 and Soccer $140.

Congratulation to the Hawkins family on winning the tender for the cubby we hope it will be enjoyed for many more years to come.

Left: the Cubby house finds new tenants.
Tuckshop Gardening

Last Friday saw students planting silver-beet seeds and seedlings in the tuckshop garden which resulted in us trying our hand at making mini silver-beet cob loaves. Students enjoyed the chopping and mixing of ingredients and few extra rolls were taken to the office to be enjoyed by teachers and staff.

Last week’s Parsley recipe

Parsley Pesto with Pasta

500g Pasta cooked to packet instructions (can be done while making pesto)
1 bunch parsley
1/2 cup grated parmesan
2 tbsp lemon juice
2 cloves garlic
Olive oil

Remove parsley leaves from stems and place in food processor or blender with garlic, parmesan and lemon juice. Mix until there are no large chunks.

Add olive oil until desired consistency reached. Add pesto to drained pasta and stir to coat.

FREE DRESS DAY
FRIDAY 21ST MARCH

This Friday 21st student council is holding a free dress day to raise money for the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Can you please put this in the newsletter on Tuesday? It will be a gold coin donation to come in free dress (sun safe of course). In conjunction with the free dress day, we will be running a best paper plane competition. Entry fee is 50c, and it will be held in the hall at first break on the same day. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd.
P & C NEWS

18th March 2014    Term 1  Week 8

Name……………………………………………………………………………………………..

P&C would like to know what you would like to see us do for fundraising this year. 2014 Projects include - Replacement of sand in sandpit in jnr playground, reading PMs, class set of tablets, class set of laptops, new play structure in jnr playground.

Students please complete

I would like to see (please tick any that you like)

1. Fete  2. Fun Run (eg Colour Run)  3. Family Fun Day (eg Lawn Bowls day)

My ideas

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Parents/caregivers please complete

I would like to see (please tick any that you like including those listed above)


My ideas

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Raffles and drives (eg pie)

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Are there times/days/months that suit you better?

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Thank you for your help. Clermont State School P & C

PLEASE RETURN TO OFFICE—asap

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Easter Raffle

Items to make up the Easter Raffle Basket ie anything you would like to donate can become a part of this raffle, not just EASTER EGGS. What would you appreciate winning in our school Easter raffle. Tickets will be sent home to each family who have nominated via their enrolment form.
### CLASS STUDENT

**ACHIEVEMENT FOR WEEK ENDING 7th March 2014**

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<td>For super sentence writing! Great work Ben!</td>
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<td>For always helping around the class without being asked.</td>
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<td>Tanika F.</td>
<td>For working hard and achieving her reading goal.</td>
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<td>Cayden S.</td>
<td>For excellent behaviour in class and always giving 100% in classroom discussions.</td>
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<td>Chloe S.</td>
<td>For always having a positive attitude in class and always trying her best.</td>
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<td>For being a helpful and considerate class member.</td>
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<td>Bradley S.</td>
<td>For putting in a great effort this week to improve and show outstanding behaviour!</td>
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<td>For always putting in 100% effort to every task.</td>
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<td>Paige W.</td>
<td>For showing fantastic team work and research skills during out science Adaption Placemat</td>
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<td>Jack A.</td>
<td>For fantastic work in your narrative writing this week.</td>
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<td>6/7B</td>
<td>Cass M.</td>
<td>For excellent participation in math discussions.</td>
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Music Books: now available at the office

Music book payments will need to be made by cash or cheque made out to Clermont SS P&C.

EFTPOS transactions are not available for this payment at the school.

$14 for all books except for percussion books which are $20.

C&K Clermont Kindergarten

The Kindy has 5 openings available for children born between 1 July 2009—30 June 2010. Call Chris on Ph: 49832027

This year’s Fun Run will be run in conjunction with AUSTRALIAN FUND-RAISING Specialists.

All students will be receiving Fun Run forms, so keep an eye out for them to arrive home in the next couple of day.

Training for ’Fun Run’ is Tuesday and Thursdays at 8am

MONEYS’ RAISED FROM THIS YEARS FUN RUN WILL SUPPORT OUR ‘FUN FRIDAY’ AFTERNOON CLASS ACTIVITIES.
ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

THERE WILL BE NO ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES THIS WEDNESDAY 19TH MARCH.

There will be training for SOCCER REPS ONLY on WEDNESDAY !!

3:15 TO 4:15

For the 9 BOYS AND 5 GIRLS WHO WERE PICKED ON MONDAY

Under 8’s Day Tuesday 1st April for Prep – Year 2 students

Parents and Caregivers, we would like to invite you to join us for our Under 8’s Day on Tuesday 1st April. Staff will be running activities on the senior oval from 9-11am and the students will be able to choose which activities they would like to participate in. All students from Prep – Year 2 will need a hat. Non-school age children must be accompanied by an adult. Come along and join in the fun with your child/children; all the community is welcome!
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Please be advised that if your child has just started playing an instrument this year that they will be involved in the Beginner Band.

Where: Clermont SS Music Room
When: Monday morning
Time: 8:00 – 8:30

ALL MUSIC PROGRAM REHEARSAL TIMETABLE

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INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC FEES ARE DUE NOW!

Please make sure you pay your child’s Instrumental Music Fees for this year. Fees are as follows:

$30 instrumental Music Levy *(all students pay)*

$30 Instrument Hire *(only pay if hiring an instrument)*
Reader of the Week

This week’s reader of the week is Heidi Keene, from 3R. Heidi is an enthusiastic reader who always reads with expression and fluency.

Keep it up Heidi!!
CLERMONT STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Administrative Officer (AO2/AAEP)
Temporary Part-Time – 6.5 hours/week
Commencing 23rd April 2014 to 13th July 2014

The position is a part-time temporary appointment and is anticipated to start on the 23rd April 2014 to 13th July 2014 with possible extension and permanency. The Role Description contains a list of duties and selection criteria, and it can be emailed, posted from or collected from the school by phoning (07) 4983 4333. A resume template is available upon request from the school. Training will be provided.

Applications close on 12pm Friday 28th March 2014.

Applications can be returned, marked “Confidential” to:-
The CLERMONT STATE HIGH SCHOOL,
PO BOX 590, CLERMONT 4721
Or Email – aandr107@eq.edu.au

Applicants are to provide a covering letter of no more than 2 pages and a detailed resume outlining key responsibilities and achievements including contact details for 2 referees. Applications will remain current for a 12 month period.

“The Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000 requires the preferred applicant to be subject to employment screening.”
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

FOUND
A silver necklace has been found on the school grounds if your child has lost this necklace please contact the office.

Time Out
Student must be excluded from school for 24hrs after vomiting or diarrhoea.
SCHOOL BANKING  is WEDNESDAY -: Larrissa will be in the Hall on Mondays from 8:40am to 9:30 to help parents with any inquiries they may have about School Banking. This is a great chance to catch up with Larrissa.

UNIFORM SHOP: from this week the uniform shop will be open fortnightly on Wednesdays only. The best way to order uniforms is to complete your order online using Flexischool. The next date the uniform shop will open is **Wednesday 26th March** 2014 in the school hall between **8:30-9:30am**. Sizes to suit older students, a new shipment now in stock.

**Playgroup**

If you have a baby or toddler and would like to get out and meet other mums and bubs come along to playgroup on Wednesday mornings at **9:30**  in the school hall.

**REMINDER: ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL**

Active After School activities is run on Mondays and Wednesdays. **Please make sure that you are here on time (4:15pm) to collect you child/children.**
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**YEAR 6/7 ICY CUPS**

ICY CUPS WILL BE FOR SALE ON **WEDNESDAYS** 1ST LUNCH, FOR 50c each.
There are 186 school days in 2014, Semester 1 2014 commences for teachers on January 23 and for students on January 28.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS
Staff professional development days (student free days) for teachers are January 23 and 24, and October 20. Schools are able to decide when their three flexible staff professional development days will be held, so long as they are in the school holiday or out-of-school hours.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
Public holidays are set by the Industrial Relations Minister.
Public holidays for a local school are not shown due to diversity of dates across the state.

For more information and the latest version of this calendar, visit www.education.qld.gov.au

Final Dates for Student Attendance
November 21 is the final date for Year 12 attendance for receipt of a Senior Statement. November 28 is the final date for student attendance in Years 10 and 11.
Some schools in regional, rural and remote areas will close for the Summer holidays on December 5.
All other state primary, secondary and special schools will close on December 12.
In 2015, all state schools will reopen for students on January 27.

The information in this calendar was correct at the time of publication (July 2013) but may be subject to change.